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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Feb-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/14/04	02/07/04
BRO-FRY	157,862	155,047
LT HENS	1,337	1,185
HVY HENS	1,461	1,341

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 07-Feb-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
	220	0	200
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	221	0	221
SAME WEEK YR AGO	277	14	291
TO-DATE/2004	1,439	18	1,457
TO-DATE/2003	1,805	43	1,848

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,337	1,273	2,610
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
Last Week	1,495	1,255	2,750
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,966	1,391	3,357
TO-DATE/2004	8,043	6,364	14,407
TO-DATE/2003	10,396	7,073	17,469

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 07-Feb-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	153,788	1,117	1,273	2,390
AVG WT	5.22	3.07	8.25	5.83
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	150,873	1,274	1,255	2,529
SAME WK YR AGO	150,335	1,689	1,377	3,066
AVG WT	5.05	3.26	7.49	5.10
TO-DATE/2004	768,502	6,604	6,346	12,950
TO-DATE/2003	751,331	8,591	7,030	15,621

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.7 million head or 3.4 million head less than or 98% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-2004**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	21,246	19,681	39,011
Avg Weight	3.78	4.73	6.49
% of total /1	27%	25%	49%
 Last week	 20,395	 20,515	 38,099
Avg Weight	3.82	4.70	6.51
% of total /1	26%	26%	48%
 Same week, yr ago /2	 27,057	 20,919	 44,740
Avg Weight	3.80	4.77	6.18
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%
 To date/2004	 81,888	 78,520	 153,682
To date/2003	85,041	79,236	159,662

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 07-Feb-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,669	2,403	9	16	4,097
AVG WT	15.39	36.82	25.76	30.39	28.04
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,571	2,295	33	8	3,907
SAME WK YR AGO	1,758	2,504	51	20	4,333
AVG WT	15.77	37.77	24.64	29.17	28.65
TO-DATE/2004	8,365	12,118	181	41	20,705
TO-DATE/2003	8,417	12,993	306	63	21,779

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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